

***Examiner's amendment***

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with B. Aaron Schulman on January 12, 2010.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Claims 3, 4, 10, 11 and 13 have been cancelled.
4. Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 5, after "CH<sub>3</sub>O-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-X-B where X is", replace the words "a spacer" with -- -CH<sub>2</sub>.CH<sub>2</sub>.CH(CH<sub>3</sub>).CH<sub>2</sub>- --.
5. Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

In claim 9, line 3, after the word "tert-butyl alcohol," delete the words "and their breakdown products".

In claim 9, line 6, after the words "binding of said fuel oxygenates", delete the words "and breakdown products".

In claim 9, last line, after the words "fuel oxygenates", delete the words "and breakdown products".
6. Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

In claim 12, line 5, after the word "where X is", replace the words "a spacer comprising a hydrocarbon of 2-8 carbon atoms" with -- -CH<sub>2</sub>.CH<sub>2</sub>.CH(CH<sub>3</sub>).CH<sub>2</sub>- --

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7. Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

In claim 15, line 3, after the word "tert-butyl alcohol," delete the words "and their breakdown products".

In claim 15, line 6, after the words "said fuel oxygenates", delete the words "and breakdown products".

In claim 15, lines 7-8, after the words "fuel oxygenates", delete the words "and breakdown products".

***Conclusion***

8. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14 and 15, now renumbered as 1-7 are allowed.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shafiqul Haq whose telephone number is 571-272-6103. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark L. Shibuya can be reached on 571-272-0806. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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